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Thanks

- .. To those parents who transported and supported children at Te Horo Cross Country on Wednesday.
- .. To those parents who helped with the headlice check this morning.
- .. To those parents and staff who helped out with supervision at this week's school disco - and to Mr Schuster and the School Council.

People of the week

- .. The children on the Rushbrook Rd bus who really supported and encouraged a new entrant for her first time on the bus this week.
- .. Daniel and Laura who came 2nd equal in the Yr 5 & 6 interschool badminton tournament.
- .. Bradley, Ben, Thomas and Bailey from Hikurangi Red Rippa rugby (who had a good win last Saturday) and Conan from Hikurangi Black Rippa rugby who got to play before the Northland vs Manawatu game on Sunday.
- .. Grace and Tahi-Ora who put in great performances at a Ballet Competition last weekend.
- .. Our International Schools Maths Competition candidates.
- .. Marcus Wells who voluntarily held a door open for an adult at school this week - you mightily impressed with your thoughtfulness Marcus.

Best wishes

- .. to our Science fair representatives who will represent us at the Regional Fair at Forum North next week. The fair is open for viewing all week and so parents are welcome to drop by. A reminder that children need to have their exhibits set up in the hall by 11:00 AM **at the latest** and that prize giving is scheduled for 7:25 on the Tuesday night. Exhibits will need to be picked up no later than mid-day on the Friday. Thanks parents for your assistance.

Current virtue

We will announce recipients of our CONFIDENCE virtue awards next week .. can't wait!

PMP

Some of our regular parent helpers are unable to continue helping with PMP from next week. If you are able to help on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-3.00 please contact the school office to put your name down. Thank you to those who have given us so much support so far this year.

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Coming up

23 August	Regional Science Fair (Forum North)
25 August	Year 7 and 8 Badminton Tournament
3 September	Interschool Cross Country Event
7 September	Senior Abseiling Day - A.H. Reed Park
7-9 September	Innovation class camp
17 September	Rippa Rugby - Tournament 2

Debating Teams

If your child has been selected as a member of one of our senior debating teams please ensure their consent for the first debate at Bream Bay College (25.8) is returned on Monday. Thanks to those able to transport other children. Questions please to Mr D.

Senior Abseiling Day .. 22.9

Consents were issued this week for return asap please. Thanks, again, to those able to provide transport. Questions please to Mr D.

Room 9 Camp (7-10 September)

Thanks for return of camp consents and for the various offers of assistance. Please arrange fee payment at your earliest opportunity if you have not already done so. **If wanting to discuss alternative payment arrangements please drop by to see Mr Trehwella some time next week.**

Mrs Witte is more than happy to answer any questions you might have in the build up to camp. A meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 PM Wednesday 25 August for those parents assisting with camp and for others with questions.

Winter and influenza

We are well and truly in to the flu season now. It's often a tough call but, if your child complains of being unwell, please err on the side of caution and keep them at home. This will give us a better chance of minimising the impact of these viruses on the wider school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Term headlice inspection

Inspections this week indicated low levels of infestation across the school - well done parents for your diligence. If you did receive a letter advising of infestation, please ensure your child(ren) are treated before return to school on Monday. Those not seen this week, and those with positive infestation, will be re-checked in one week's time. All parents are encouraged to check (and where necessary treat) their children's hair weekly. Some parents have advised that tea-tree oil is a good deterrent and equal amount of oil and vinegar "knock them dead" - up to you.

School Fees

Parents who opted for quarterly payment of their school fee this year will receive a request for their term 3 payment some time next week. Please arrange to pay this at your nearest convenience. Thanks for your support.

International Schools Competitions

Papers are now at the University of New South Wales for marking. We do not expect to hear results for 6 to 8 weeks. As in earlier years, those achieving special honours will not be advised until prize giving. Thanks parents for your efforts with practice papers at home and to teachers who ensured children got support in class (only school I know that does this).

Parents could you please ensure that all outstanding practice papers are returned to school next week as these will be issued again as practice papers in 2011 and beyond.

Junior Beach Trip - CHANGE OF DATE!!

The Junior beach trip will NOT take place in September but will now be Week 4 in Term 4.

Healthier Option Stainless Steel Drink Bottles

A great fundraising opportunity for the school has arisen. For every 750ml stainless steel drink bottle purchased @ \$27.95 the school receives \$9. For every 500ml stainless steel drink bottle purchased @ \$23.95 the school receives \$8.

For those concerned about their health and our planet, the attached brochure will explain the many benefits. All orders to be returned to the school office by 3 September 2010. Note these have a lifetime guarantee and we may even engrave them for you. A really good investment.

Wanted - Helpers

This year's Trivia Night is to be held on 30th October. We are organising sponsorship/prizes for this big fundraiser and any assistance would be gratefully accepted. If you are in a position to help please contact Cherrie Parker on 437 1327.

Calf Club Day - 22nd October 2009

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1st July 2008. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets, a booklet will be handed out prior to the September school holidays & needs to be completed by 15 October. No dogs are allowed to be entered. If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz

Home Gardens

.. thanks to those who have returned consents .. still not too late .. drop by with any questions.

Out of zone enrolments

For more information on the balloting process, and for a zone description, please visit our website www.matarau.school.nz Application forms available from the school office.

Piano Lessons - Children 8 years and up (7 year olds in exceptional circumstances)

Has your child ever expressed interest in learning to play the piano? Our current piano teacher currently has available places this year, and is keen to receive expressions of interest for 2011. Lessons can be preparation for formal piano exams, or just an opportunity to learn some popular pieces. Our piano teacher is very experienced and comes highly recommended. Lessons are weekly of a half hour duration and cost \$20 per lesson. If interested please contact Shirley on 4381089.

Community Notices

For Rent - Executive home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study, double garage, Matarau Rd. Available now \$400 per wk (neg to right tenant) Phone Laurette 0274335740.

For Sale - Jack Russell X puppies for sale. Ready for homes, 1 girl, 2 boys left. \$250 each.

Ph Lisa 4356199, or 0272589663.

Wanted - 2 lambs for calf club, to raise and return afterwards. Phone Mary or Trent 4335156.

Monster Garage Sale - for Kamo High School 2nd XI Girls Hockey Team, 21st August 7am, Kamo High School Hall. Donations can be dropped at 'Graeme Johnson Jewels and Time', 531 Kamo Rd, Kamo.

Parent Inc Hot Tips Seminar - Tweens & Teenagers, Wed 15th Sept, Events Centre, \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more info contact Michaela on 430 4280 or flyers available at the office.

Salut Restaurant & Brasserie - August Entertainment Line Up:

Sunday 22nd 1 pm Sam Hunt and Gary McCormick. Poetry and laughter with two iconic NZ entertainers.

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Staff changes

Due to further roll growth, and our commitment to low class numbers, the board will fund a new new-entrant class effective from the beginning of next week. As junior parents will already know, Mrs Robertson will teach this class (Mrs Abbott on a Friday). From next week Mrs Janette Rummery will pick up some of Mrs Robertson's current responsibilities including junior diagnostic release and special needs teaching. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Rummery (who taught at this school some years back) to our teaching team.

Best travel wishes ..

.. to Mrs Bruce who heads off to Britain and Europe next week. Mrs Robertson will be in charge of the junior school during her absence. Mrs Bruce will be back at school early next term.

Mrs Burgin

.. will take maternity leave from 6 September. Thank you Mrs Burgin for your hard work this year and best wishes for the weeks ahead - we know you will make a great mum. Mrs Burgin intends being back on deck to commence 2011. We will keep you posted on the baby front.

Mrs Scheibmair

I am please to announce that Mrs Scheibmair will teach in room 7 during the period of Mrs Burgin's absence. Mrs Burgin and Mrs Scheibmair have been (and will be) working closely together to ensure a seamless transition in this room. Mrs Scheibmair is a very conscientious and hard working teacher and we are very grateful to have her back on the team.

School's Annual Plan

If you are interested in viewing the school's Annual Curriculum Plan (the part of our Charter which outlines some of the focus areas for 2010) you can view this on our website www.matarau.school.nz - just click on the "board" tab.

Performance in relation to these targets will be assessed and reported at year's end.

Any questions drop by or email me on principal@matarau.school.nz

School Production

Staff and students have been working incredibly hard to ensure that this year's school production will be one of our best ever. We hope that you will spread the word among neighbours, friends and extended family that performances will be held as follows .. Monday 13 September 7:00 PM, Tuesday 14 September 1:00 to 2:30 PM and that evening 7:00 PM and Wednesday 15 September 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

Tickets are on sale from the office from Tuesday of next week.

National Standards

The debate on the standards continues and opposition seems unlikely to go away in the short term. In spite of this, Matarau School will continue (under the expert leadership of Mr Delemare) to implement the standards which we believe have more positives than negatives. At some stage soon we will provide parents with more information on the standards and their implications for our school. In the meantime, don't believe everything you hear.

Final thought

"I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else." Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Regards
Kevin Trewhella
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